

REMARKS

The Notice of Allowance dated October 10, 2006, in which claims 1-20 were allowed, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted for consideration.

Claims 1, 10, 19, 20 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. New claim 21 has been added. Applicants note that the amendments to claims 19 and 20 are based on the Examiner's Amendment included with the Notice of Allowance. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-21 are therefore currently pending in the application and are respectfully submitted for consideration.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-21 recite subject matter that is neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited prior art, as acknowledged in the Notice of Allowance. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request that a new Notice of Allowance, allowing all of claims 1-21, be issued in this case.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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